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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 09/30/2009

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field  
Violent Crimes Squad/CR-2  
Contact: TFO SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *jb*

Drafted By: [redacted] dal

Case ID #: 89A-WF-~~NEW~~ 240883 (Pending) -1

Title: [redacted]  
SENATOR JOHN CORNYN AND  
CONGRESSMAN CIRO RODRIGUEZ;  
THREAT AGAINST A MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Synopsis: To request case be opened.

Details: On September 15, 2009, a San Antonio, TX Veterans Affairs (VA) employee named [redacted] notified Lieutenant [redacted] of San Antonio, TX Police (telephone number [redacted] of threats made to Senator John Cornyn, Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, and First Lady Michelle Obama by [redacted] No additional information was available.

On September 25, 2009, Lieutenant [redacted] notified SA [redacted] U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) Threat Assessment Section, of the notification he received from [redacted] SA [redacted] then called the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) and spoke with SA [redacted] San Antonio Field Office, telephone number [redacted] who advised that he spoke with [redacted] (telephone number [redacted] VA caseworker for [redacted] stated that [redacted] made the following statement: "I want to kill everyone who does not help me." [redacted] stated that [redacted] specifically mentioned the names of Senator Cornyn and Congressman Rodriguez in reference to this statement.

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SA [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that, as [redacted] made no threats against First Lady Michelle Obama, the USSS would not attempt to locate or interview [redacted]

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Unable to reach [redacted] SA [redacted] contacted the Bexar Sheriff's Department, telephone number [redacted] and requested a welfare check be conducted on [redacted] Corporal [redacted] of the Helotes Police Department, telephone number [redacted] [redacted] called SA [redacted] and reported the results of his welfare check on [redacted] Corporal [redacted] located [redacted] at his residence, where [redacted] denied having made any threatening statements. [redacted] stated he was frustrated regarding his Office of Policy and Management (OPM) disability case and with Senator Cornyn and Congressman Rodriguez for not helping him.

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[redacted] admitted to taking numerous medications for depression, anxiety, and bipolar disorder. When asked to name his medications, [redacted] stated that there were too many to list.

[redacted] stated that he owns several shotguns and handguns, but his wife had hidden his handguns from him due to his anger management issues.

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[redacted] denied having intentions to hurt himself or others and denied having plans to travel to a Congressional office in the near future.

Corporal [redacted] confirmed the above information with [redacted] wife.

On September 29, 2009, SA [redacted] called the San Antonio VA and spoke with casework supervisor [redacted] telephone number [redacted] extension [redacted] provided SA [redacted] with the following information from [redacted] report regarding [redacted]

"He stated his wife is not letting him drive because she doesn't trust where he will go; that she worrie [gr] because he has had thoughts of visiting the Congressman he sought help with previously on his retirement problems - that he might harm him."

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"Veteran verbalized not knowing what he would do other than something that would get him locked up if he told this worker; that he would get a gun and shoot everyone involved."

"At the end of the session, at the door this worker

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told him to try to have a nice vacation and he replied that OPM was up near Connecticut and he could go there and do some serious damage."

Referencing [REDACTED] also noted in her report that she is "concerned he may be at risk to harming someone in the near future."

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TFO SA [REDACTED] requests that a case be opened and assigned so that [REDACTED] can be interviewed and appropriate action taken regarding the threatening statements directed to Senator Cornyn and Congressman Rodriguez.

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence SA

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Date Received 10/5/09

From

(Address)

HELOTES TX

By SA

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e).

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Title:

SENATOR JOHN CORNYN AND  
CONGRESSMAN CUBA RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS;  
THREAT AGAINST A MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Reference: FD-302

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

DOB

9/16/56

VA - Counselor has come to conclusion

THAT \* IS A THREAT TO M. OBAMA and/or.  
congressman  
senator  
few weeks ago

→ Did not make threatening  
comments about M. OBAMA or Cong./Sen.

referred to  
as worthless.

→ \* is upset ~~over~~ over not being  
given what was promised (pension).

upcoming trip to N.E. (MAINE, CONN) to visit family & make comment...

Byers PA - and ask someone to explain  
why not receiving retirement benefits

taking medication for anxiety / Depression  
REM disorder

diagnosed while still

was on sick/AL while on medication.

no intention to harm anyone

just upset that no one will assist

now disabling

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Shawif.

✓ week ago

asked similar Questions.

\* Consolon MADE STATEMENTS

\* Disability

complaints to congressman



\* Cong. Rodriguez <sup>b6</sup> <sup>b7C</sup>

3-4 yrs ago

→ people work into it.

→ told nothing could do.

✓ Permanent Building in California

2-4 yrs.

not so

→ so normal retirement

SENATOR KORNAN(?)

\* Dispute over retirement, contacted congressman Rod. g' Senator Korn.

O.P.M. Has wronged \* looking for someone that can assist \* with O.P.M.

\* Asked who had auth/power to fight Senator - told President

\* \* Thought to contact M OBAMA (has not written on wanted)

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that OPM was up near Connecticut and he could go there  
and do some serious damage."

Referencing [redacted] also noted in her  
report that she is "concerned he may be at risk to harming  
someone in the near future."

[redacted] On September 29, 2009, SA [redacted] advised TFO SA [redacted]  
[redacted] of the aforementioned.

**Descriptive Data:**

Main Subject

Name -

Last:

First:

Race:

Sex:

DOB:

DLN:

SOC:

Address(es) -

House #:

Street Name:

City:

State:

Phone #:

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Re: 89A-WF-240883, 09/30/2009

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT SAN ANTONIO, TX

Washington Field Office requests the San Antonio Field Office to locate and interview [REDACTED] Please conduct a logical line of questioning in regards to the threatening comments [REDACTED] is reported to have made to his VA caseworker referencing Senator Cornyn and Congressman Rodriguez. Please notify TEO [REDACTED] telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of the interview results.

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Date of transcription 10/05/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] social security account number [redacted] residence  
address: [redacted] residence phone: [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at his residence regarding  
allegations that he [redacted] made threats against U.S.  
Congressmen or other U.S. political figures. After being advised  
of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the  
interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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He was visited last week by a Bexar County Sheriff's  
Deputy and Helotes Police Officer in regard to alleged threats he  
[redacted] made against Congressmen John Cornyn and Ciro  
Rodriguez.

[redacted]  
[redacted] During a  
retirement briefing by [redacted] personnel, he was told he would receive  
certain retirement benefits at age 50. However, he has not  
received those benefits, and is currently receiving disability and  
unable to obtain employment. His spouse is also retired, but does  
part-time house cleaning work.

He is upset that the [redacted] is not providing him with the  
retirement benefits that he was promised in his retirement  
briefings. He has been in contact with the Office of Personnel  
Management (OPM), as well as the offices of Senator John Cornyn and  
Representative Ciro Rodriguez, to resolve his retirement issue, but  
to no avail. He received correspondence from Senator Cornyn and  
Representative Rodriguez stating that they did not have the  
authority to intercede on his [redacted] behalf.

He believes that [redacted] and the OPM have wronged him, and is  
seeking assistance to resolve his retirement dispute. He  
considered contacting First Lady Michelle Obama, wife of President  
Barack Obama, via written correspondence in order to gain her  
assistance with his retirement issue. To date, he has not written  
First Lady Obama.

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He is currently seeing a counselor at the local Veteran's  
Administration (VA) medical facility. He has been diagnosed with  
depression, anxiety, and a sleep disorder. He was first diagnosed

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SA [redacted]

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while working for the [redacted] and is on disability due to his mental health issues. He is currently taking medication for anxiety and depression.

He and his wife are planning a vacation to Connecticut to visit family. He made a passing comment to his wife that he should make a personal visit to OPM so that OPM can explain why he [redacted] is not receiving the retirement benefits promised to him.

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He owns handguns, but has not seen them in several years, because his wife hid them.

He did not make threatening comments about First Lady Obama, Senator Cornyn or Representative Rodriguez. He did not make such comments to his VA counselor, and she (VA counselor) should not have reported such.

He has no intention of hurting anyone, and is just upset over the lack of assistance with his retirement issue.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/05/2009

To: Washington Field

✓ Attn: Violent Crimes Squad/CR-2,  
TFO SA [REDACTED]

From: San Antonio

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Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] kap

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Title: [REDACTED]

SENATOR JOHN CORNYN AND  
CONGRESSMAN CIRO RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS;  
THREAT AGAINST A MEMBER OF CONGRESS

**Synopsis:** To report results of investigation by San Antonio Division.

**Enclosure(s):** Original and two copies of FD-302, re: Interview of Curtis Clipperton.

**Details:** On 10/05/2009, writer and SA [REDACTED] San Antonio Division, conducted an interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] regarding his alleged threats directed towards U.S. Congressmen. During this interview, [REDACTED] provided information regarding his ongoing retirement benefits dispute with the [REDACTED] and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). [REDACTED] stated he had contacted the offices of Senator John Cornyn and Representative Ciro Rodriguez for assistance, but was not satisfied with the response from their offices. [REDACTED] is undergoing counseling for depression and anxiety, and is taking medication for both. [REDACTED] stated he did not make threatening comments towards Senator Cornyn or Representative Rodriguez, nor does he [REDACTED] have any intention of harming anyone.

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Based upon the results of the above interview, writer opines that [REDACTED] does not pose a threat to the referenced

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Congressmen. An FD-302 documenting the entire interview with  
 is attached for further review by the Washington Field  
Office. San Antonio considers this lead covered.

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

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told him to try to have a nice vacation and he replied that OPM was up near Connecticut and he could go there and do some serious damage."

Referencing [redacted] also noted in her report that she is "concerned he may be at risk to harming someone in the near future."

[redacted] On September 29, 2009, SA [redacted] advised TFO SA [redacted] of the aforementioned.

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[redacted] On September 30, 2009, TFO SA [redacted] contacted SSA [redacted] San Antonio Field Office, and requested that an interview with [redacted] be conducted. On October 5, 2009, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] located and conducted an interview of [redacted] who denied having made threatening statements directed at Senator Cornyn and Congressman Rodriguez. Based upon the results of the interview, the interviewing agents expressed their opinion that [redacted] does not present a danger to himself or to others

[redacted] On October 14, 2009, TFO SA [redacted] contacted ASUA [redacted] Western District of Texas, summarized the case and asked for her decision as to whether or not her office would accept the case for prosecution or decline. On October 15, 2009, ASUA [redacted] advised TFO SA [redacted] that her office had declined the case.

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No further investigation is deemed necessary. No items of evidence are maintained by the FBI and there are no statistical accomplishments to claim at this time. TFO SA [redacted] hereby requests that captioned case be placed in a closed status.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/19/2009

To: Washington Field

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

From: Washington Field

CR-2/Violent Crimes Squad

Contact: TFO SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED] *dal*

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

*dal*

Case ID #: 89A-WF-240883 (Pending) *6*

Title: [REDACTED]

SENATOR JOHN CORNYN AND

CONGRESSMAN CIRO RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS;

THREAT AGAINST A MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Synopsis: To summarize Assistant U.S. Attorney's decision in this case.

Details: On October 14, 2009, TFO SA [REDACTED] sent via email to [REDACTED] Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas, a summary of this case and asked for her office's decision as to whether or not they will prosecute or decline the case. On October 15, 2009, AUSA [REDACTED] advised TFO SA [REDACTED] via email of her office's declination of the case.

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Attached hereto is a copy of the aforementioned email correspondence..

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] USATXW [REDACTED]@usdoj.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2009 1:55 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Threat Case/Sen. Cornyn

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Upon review of the information provided, the USAO for the WDTX declines prosecution of this case. Thanks. If you need further information, please let me know.

**From:** [REDACTED] (FBI)

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009 3:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] USATXW)

**Subject:** Threat Case/Sen. Cornyn

[REDACTED]

I am a Task Force Officer with the FBI's Washington Field Office and handle the Congressional Threat cases, with my home agency being the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP). I was referred to your attention regarding issuance of a decision as to whether or not your office would accept or decline a case for prosecution under 18 USC Sec. 115 (a)-(1) (B). This case involves alleged threats, made by a subject named [REDACTED] residing in San Antonio, TX) against Senator John Cornyn and Representative Ciro Rodriguez.

[REDACTED] has a caseworker at the San Antonio Veterans Administration. On 09/15/09, the caseworker notified San Antonio PD of threatening comments made by [REDACTED] in her presence. The comments were allegedly against Senator Cornyn, Congressman Rodriguez, and First Lady Michelle Obama. The caseworker noted in her file [my comments are included in brackets]:

"He [REDACTED] stated his wife is not letting him drive because she doesn't trust where he will go; that she worries [gr] because he has had thoughts of visiting the Congressman he sought help with previously on his retirement problems – that he might harm him."

"Veteran verbalized not knowing what he would do other than something that would get him locked up if he told this worker; that he would get a gun and shoot everyone involved."

"At the end of the session, at the door this worker told him to try to have a nice vacation and he replied that OPM was up near Connecticut and he could go there and do some serious damage."

Referencing [REDACTED] the caseworker noted in her report that she is "concerned he may be at risk to harming someone in the near future."

"He also discussed continued anger, frustration about his retirement . . . He spoke of wanting to write a letter to President Obama's wife asking her to intercede for him."

On 09/25/09, San Antonio PD notified USCP, who then notified me. The USCP case agent notified the USSS, who deemed [REDACTED] comments not threatening toward the First Lady and declined to interview the subject.

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The USCP case agent, unable to confirm the threatening comments with the VA caseworker, then arranged for the Helotes, TX Police Department to conduct a welfare check of [REDACTED]. During the welfare check, [REDACTED] denied having made threatening comments nor having a desire to harm himself or others. He stated that his main frustration is directed toward OPM in Connecticut due to a retirement disability dispute. The interviewing officer reported to the USCP case agent that he did not believe [REDACTED] was a danger to

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himself or to others.

The USCP case agent, still unable to reach the VA caseworker, then contacted me at the WFO and requested that the FBI conduct an interview of [REDACTED]. On 10/05/09 two agents from the San Antonio office interviewed [REDACTED] at his residence and reported findings similar to those of the Helotes PD officer: that the subject's main frustration resides with OPM, he did not make threatening statements to the caseworker, and that he does not plan to harm Senator Cornyn nor Representative Rodriguez. The interviewing agents do not believe that [REDACTED] presents a danger to himself or others at this time.

Criminal history checks for [REDACTED] conducted by the USCP case agent produced negative results.

The case agents I am working with at USCP are required to obtain a declination/acceptance by Assistant U.S. Attorneys, thus my need to send you this request. I do not anticipate any additional investigative action on the part of the FBI involving [REDACTED] and this issue.

At your convenience, please advise me of your thoughts involving this matter.

Thank you.

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SA [REDACTED]  
U.S. Capitol Police, Threat Assessment Section  
Task Force Officer, FBI WFO CR-2/VCTF

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[REDACTED]@ic.fbi.gov (desktop)  
[REDACTED]@cap-police.senate.gov (blackberry)

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